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1. FIFTEEN PARTIES TO COMPETE IN ELECTIONS: THE LEGALIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONALIST COMMUNIST LEAGUE (LIGA COMMUNISTA INTERNACIONALISTA-LCI) ON MARCH3 BRINGS THE FINAL NUMBER OF PARTIES WHICH WILL COMPETE IN APRIL 12 ELECTIONS TO 15. NO OTHER PARTIES MAY COMPETE IN ELECTIONS. ONLY SIX PARTIES FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE ELECTIONS; LUAR, PRP-BR, AND THE PCP-ML ON THE FAR LEFT; CHRISTIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PCSD), PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC WORKERS PARTY (PTDP), AND INDEPENDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PSDI) ON THE FAR RIGHT.

2. PRESENTATION OF OVERSEAS CANDIDATES: MINISTRY OF INTER-TERRITORIAL COORDINATION HAS EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 10 THE DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. THIS ONE WEEK EXTENSION NECESSITATED BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN PROMULGATION OF THE SPECIAL LAW REGULATING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE OVERSEAS.

3. NEW LENINIST-TROTSKYITE PARTY FORMED: A NEW PARTY CALLING ITSELF REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY (PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOS TRABALHADORES-PRT) HAS FORMED. PRT ENCOMPASSES TWO OBSCURE GROUPS, MARXIST REVOLUTIONARY GROUP (GRUPO MARXISTA REVOLUCIONARIO--GMR) AND SOCIALIST YOUTH ALLIANCE (ALIANCA SOCIALISTA DE JUVENTUDE--ASJ) WHICH ITSELF ONLY FORMED LAST JANUARY. NEW PARTY'S JOURNAL IS COMBATE SOCIALISTA. PRT DESCRIBES ITSELF AS TROTSKYITE-LENINIST OF LAMBERT TENDENCY. IT WILL NOT COMPETE IN APRIL 12 ELECTIONS.

4. MOST OF THE 15 PARTIES WHICH WILL COMPETE IN THE ELECTIONS HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR LISTS OF CANDIDATES. ONLY A MINORITY OF THESE PARTIES WILL RUN CANDIDATES IN ALL 22 DISTRICTS: MDP/CDE, PPD, USDC, PCP AND SOCIALISTS. OTHER TEN PARTIES APPARENTLY WILL ONLY COMPETE IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS. MUCH OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS RUNNING FOR ELECTION, INCLUDING ALVARO CUNHAL. THE CDS/PDC ALLIANCE KNOWN AS UCDC HAS PRESENTED UNITED SLATES OF CANDIDATES FOR ALL DISTRICTS. USDC HAS ALLOWED A NUMBER OF INDEPENDENTS TO RUN ON ITS TICKET. PROMINENT AMONG THESE ARE FORMER NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA MEMBER GEN. GALVAO DE MELO, AND VALDEMAR PARADELA DE ABREU, EDITOR OF SPINOLA'S BOOK PORTUGAL AND FUTURE.

5. POPULAR MONARCHISTS (PPM), WHICH HAS ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO COMPETE IN AT LEAST 12 DISTRICTS, WILL CONCLUDE ITS CONGRESS ON MARCH 15. FIRST HALF OF PPM CONGRESS WAS HELD EARLY LAST DECEMBER. (LISBON 5324).
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